

COURSE SYLLABUS

Clinical Psychology: Methods and Settings

2021-3-E2401P135

Learning area

1: Knowledge and skills useful to understand, promote and change individual psychological functioning

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

- * Clinical psychology and personality pathology
- * Personality and personality pathology
- * Psychological models of personality
- * Personality Pathology: Risk and protective factors
- * The categorical and the alternative models of personality pathology

Applying knowledge and understanding

- * Identifying the core features of personality pathology
- * Identifying specific personality disorders
- * Critical analysis of the scientific literature on protective and risk factors of personality

Contents

The course aims at providing theoretical, methodological, and clinical elements related to personality and personality pathology development. The role of risk and protective factors in personality pathology development will

be examined, according to both psychological theories and empirical studies.

Detailed program

- Psychological theories on personality
- Clinical theories on personality pathology
- Theories and empirical studies on risk and protective factors in personality pathology
- The DSM-5 approach to personality disorders: official classification and the alternative model for personality disorders
- Assessment of personality disorders

Prerequisites

Since scientific literature in English will be presented, it is recommended that students have already taken the Advanced English exam (Second year).

Teaching methods

Lectures, discussion on scientific papers, seminars on specific topics, discussion on clinical cases.

The course material (slides and scientific papers) will be made available on the e-learning web site, so that also non-attending students can use it.

In the Covid-19 emergency period, classes will be held with asynchronously remote video lessons and videoconferencing events.

Assessment methods

The exam will mainly verify the following topics:

- main features of personality

- main features of pathological personality
 - risk and protective factors of pathological personality
 - personality disorders
 - DSM-5 criteria for diagnosing personality disorders
 - diagnostic instruments for personality disorders
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During the COVID-19 emergency period, the oral exams will take place remotely by means of Webex platform. The web meeting will be public, and the meeting link will be made available on the e-learning web site.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

- Lingiardi, V., & Gazzillo, F. (2014). *La personalità e i suoi disturbi: valutazione clinica e diagnosi al servizio del trattamento*. Milano: Raffaello Cortina.

Capitoli comuni obbligatori : Cap. 1; Cap. 2; Cap. 3; Cap. 4; Cap 5 (fino al par. 5.5 compreso); Cap. 7 (escluso par. 7.6); Cap. 11 (fino a par. 11.4.1 compreso); Cap. 13 (fino a par. 13.4.2 compreso); Cap. 14 (fino a par. 14.9 compreso); Cap. 17.

Un capitolo a scelta tra: Cap. 21; Cap. 22; Cap. 23.

- Slides delle lezioni
 - Articoli e materiale fornito dal docente
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